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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02100-0082.00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Timothy M. JOHNS et al.

Application No.: 10/781,629

Filed: February 20, 2004

For: LIFTING SYSTEMS AN  
METHODS FOR USE WITH A  
HITCH MECHANISM

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Final Office action of July 5, 2006. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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